

GIANTS ON HAND WITH UNCOMMUNICATIVE MANAGER FOR SERIES OF FIVE BALL GAMES

OPEN SEASON FOR UMPIRES SHOWS ALREADY SOME DECIDEDLY CLASSY MARKSMANSHIP ON VARIOUS FIELDS

Lord Byron, Arbitrating Thrush, Principal Target at Present Writing—Giants Arrive With Uninterviewed Manager for Five Games

THIS is the open season for umpires. Feats of marksmanship have been performed on Byron's chin, frantic fans have demonstrated that they possess bum throwing arms when they have showered him with pop bottles in St. Louis, and the latest was a reception committee that waited for the hard-luck ump outside of the St. Louis ball yard, not to escort him to his hotel, but to carry him—feet first, Byron left through a side door and the committee missed having an enjoyable afternoon.

But Byron is not the only arbiter who is getting his share of "panning." Kitty Bransfield, a neophyte in the National League, has been grilled time and again, and the latest comes from the much-abused Giants. They claim that a terrible decision cost them the game with Boston on Wednesday and that other bad guesses got the club in bad in the past. All along the line the poor umps are getting their bumps, and from where we are sitting it looks like a swell idea to account for defeats. No one is perfect, and an umpire is liable to make mistakes the same as any other person. But Moran is broad-minded enough to see this and no longer does he "ride" the pitcher as of old. He accepts the rulings gracefully and only occasionally has something to say.

If a ball player makes an error he is not roasted very much, because the fans realize that he is out there trying to play his best. If he has a dozen chances and slips up on one, he will be praised for playing a swell game. But suppose the umpire makes a bad guess. What will happen? He will be panned all afternoon, regardless of the fact that he has nearly 200 chances in each game. Taking it all in all, the men behind the plate and on the base lines make few mistakes and have a pretty good average, year in and year out.

SOME ONE has started the slogan, "Our umpires—may they be right sometimes, but right or wrong, they still are our umpires." That's a very pretty line, but it is an injustice to the officials of the game. They never get a square deal and are looked upon as a necessary evil. Why not give them a fifty-fifty break?

Older Umpires Seldom Break Into Print—Almost Are Forgotten DO YOU ever see Bob Emmelle's name in the paper these days? Or Bill Klem's, or Harrison's, or Hank O'Day's? They are not even noticed, either by the writers or the fans, simply because they are doing good work. Their good qualities always are overlooked and a perfect record can be ruined in one afternoon.

The umpiring is not so bad this year, despite statements to the contrary. Byron and Bransfield seem to be the principal offenders, and they either will hit their stride in a short time or take a nice long rest at the special request of President Tenner. Two inefficient arbiters will put any umpiring staff on the blink, so why allow them to do so? There are any number of umpires running around loose and a couple could be selected from the flock.

Charley Riegler, who umpired the Brooklyn series here, seldom has trouble on the playing field. He is master of the situation at all times and the players realize that he is giving them a square deal. He had an argument with the Phils last year over the rules, but outside of that he has had no difficulty. But it was not like that in the olden days. The year after he broke in—in 1907—he established a league record by chasing 136 players off the field in a single season. It took the athletes one whole year to discover that he could not be trifled with.

RIGLER put several of the players out twice in that memorable season. First he knocked them out and then put them out, just to make sure. His last double stung was in St. Louis in 1915, when Charley Herzog questioned a decision and tried to back it up. Charley was carried to the bench, where he recovered with the aid of restoratives.

Muggsyless Giants Are With Us Today for Five-Game Series THE battling Giants and their uninterviewed manager, rolled into town this morning after a hard battle with the Braves in Boston. They will be with us until Wednesday night and five combats will be put on, weather permitting. A double-header on Tuesday will be the feature, as Mr. McGraw will emerge from exile on that day and take his place with the other athletes in good standing. There should be quite a celebration.

This series is by far the most important of the year in the senior league. The winner will go into first place and have easy sailing for a short time at least. Today the Giants are one and a half games ahead of the Phils, and Jimmy Lavender, the noted Giant killer, will be used to cut down the margin. The Phils have had hard luck with the New Yorkers thus far. The McGrawmen have won five out of the seven games played, showing their disrespect for Alexander every time the great twirler faced them.

The only reason the home talent didn't lose more battles was because rain postponed five of them. Here are the scores to date: April 25—New York 3, Phils 8. April 27—Phils 5, New York 1. April 28—Phils 5, New York 1. May 7—New York 3, Phils 1. May 8—New York 5, Phils 1. May 20—New York 3, Phils 2. May 20, p. m.—New York 5, Phils 1.

Since hitting the road on June 1 the only important loss suffered by the club was the canning of Dawn McGraw. That didn't affect the playing, however, as seventeen games were won and only seven lost. The series in Cincinnati put them back in the race, as only one game was won; but they soon made up for it and regained the lead. Lew McCarthy's leg was broken, but his absence has not been felt as yet. The infield is working well, the outfielders are hitting the ball and the pitchers are doing as well as may be expected.

THE Phils, too, look much better with Bancroft back in the game. Davy is a wonderful player and cuts off many apparently safe hits with his sensational fielding. His work at the plate also helps. Yesterday the team looked 50 per cent better than the day before, and no doubt will give the high-priced Giants a troublesome time.

Stymie Iconoclast Is "a Plain Shoemaker" SCOTCH conservatism is asserting itself by way of protest against the new-fangled golfing ideas advanced in the western portion of the country, that are rapidly upsetting some of the fundamental and settled traditions of the game. Jack Clark, a well-known Scotch pro, is indignant at the idea of abolishing the stymie. Jack was in the game before some of the modern reformers were born, and he says that any duffer who would play the nearest ball first is just a "plain shoemaker" at the game.

"What are these fellows trying to do with the game, anyway?" inquires Jack, who proceeds to unburden his feelings in the matter in hand as follows: "Are they afraid to play Scotch golf? It certainly looks that way. In the first place, nobody but the worst kind of a duffer would play the nearest ball to the hole first. He is just a plain shoemaker at the game if he does.

"Second, it's only those who play golf as an exercise instead of an accomplishment, and who are too lazy and sluggish of mind to use their wits for a moment long enough to play the game worth while, including stymies.

"Third, if they are to attempt to do away with stymies they are only making a ruling that will handicap the good player and bring him down to the level of the ordinary duffer.

"Fourth, the reason golf is so infatigating is because it is the most difficult of all outdoor sports and one has so many things to remember. But take away the difficulties and you take the magnetism. The next thing you will hear of trying to do away with is the bunker. I say right here, the man who cannot play stymies with at least fair success is like the golfer who cannot play certain clubs in his bag. He fears them, therefore never uses them, and that man will never be a finished golfer until he plays Scotch golf."

WHEN it comes to messing up with the game itself, the whole Kaiserian diplomacy and threatened revolution will never put any such ruling into a Scotchman's head, concludes the sagacious Mr. Clark.

Lajoie Again May Appear in Big Leagues WHEN Connie Mack and Larry Lajoie parted company at the close of the 1916 season it was said then that the one-time brilliant keystone sack guardian was through with the major leagues as a player. Last winter Larry was appointed manager of the Toronto club of the International League, and during his brief attempt at minor league managing has succeeded in keeping his boys in the first division. He has been playing regularly, his fielding has been brilliant and his hitting hard and timely.

Now the major league scouts sojourn among the bushes for the purpose of picking up prospective talent. The fine work of the youngster Lajoie so impressed one of the ivory seekers that he recommended him to Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington team. It is now understood that the boss of the Senators is making every effort to persuade the owners of the Toronto club to part company with the big Frenchman.

PLEA FOR THE CADDY



TRUE TEST OF TWIRLING CLASS IS NOT IN GAMES WON AND LOST NOR NUMBER EARNED RUNS ALLOWED

Adjusting Performance to Occasion Real Criterion—Matty Was Model, Heady Conservation Bringing Him Through Six 30-Game Seasons

By GRANTLAND RICE Sport Historian

On certain days a batsman swings Upon the bally ball; He lands upon it with a thud And drives it where he will; And then the next day, in a trance, He paddles like a lid; I do not know why this is so— I only know it is.

On certain days I cannot hit A shot with any club; I miss the wee ones on the green And flounder like a dub; On other days with simple stroke I make the pelley whizz; I do not know why this is so— I only know it is.

"THE test of pitching ability," notes an exchange, "is not in games won and lost, but in the number of earned runs allowed by a pitcher."

This is the system which the American League has adopted. It sounds reasonable enough, but, after all, is it the main test? Take the case of Christy Mathewson. When Mathewson was working an earned run meant nothing to him at all. When the score was 1-1 or 2-1 or 3-1 he was out there working at top speed. But let the Giants get him five or six runs, and what happened? Immediately Matty began to ease up and save his arm for another day.

Another content of gilded class and of local color that probably will be clinched later is between Johnny Mealy and Lou Tender, the southpaw. Phil Glassman, on behalf of Tender, is willing to sign for the mix, that is, if he were given a guarantee of \$1000. "Honest Phil" says Louie is worth that purse for so interesting a setto. As the bout would be a wonderful attraction, all hands would make good money—and lots of it, says Philip.

THE opening show at Shibe Park bouts will be held on Wednesday nights. AN EFFORT is being made by an Allenstown promoter to put on an elimination middleweight tournament with Pennsylvania boxers entered. Jack McCarron, Jackie Clarke and Battling Kopin already have agreed to compete, but Knockout Loughlin doesn't appear to care about getting into the elimination.

FRANK ("POP") O'BRIEN will be the official referee during the boxing season at Shibe Park this summer. Battling Levinsky is getting back to his old state of boxing consistency. He was booked today for a bout with Joe Bonde at McKean Beach, N. Y., July 12.

Evening Ledger Decisions CAMBRIA A. C.—"Boots" Doyle defeated Tommy Carey. Young Lawrence knocked out Fritz Collins. Jimmy Fitzpatrick outboxed Tommy Curran. Jimmy Sutton beat Charley Zabo. Young Curran was from Eddie Casanah.

40-MILE MOTOR-PACED RACE AT PARK TONIGHT Four riders will compete in the forty-mile motor-paced race tonight at Point Breeze Park Motorodrome. These are George Cameron, of New York; Menus Rodell; Herbert, of Boston, and Michael De Baets, of Belgium.

There will be a ten-mile race for pace machines, in which Vanderhuy, Hunter and Stohaus will start. Billy Scarbe has been selected to referee the Willie Jackson-Johnny Dundee match in New York.

WILLARD SPLITS WITH TOM JONES

"Fired" Manager to Sign for Bouts With Morris and Fulton

JESS WITH THE CIRCUS

BUFFALO, N. Y., June 23. Champion Jess Willard has broken with Tom Jones, his manager.

"Yes," said Jones on his arrival. "If Willard had his way I am out of a job. But perhaps not so far out as Jess might imagine."

Jones declared that, as his contract with Willard lasts until the middle of September, he proposes to sign Willard for two matches, one with Carl Morris and another with Fred Fulton, and will see that Jess goes through with them or quits fighting.

Jones met Jack Curley at the Hotel Iroquois today and discussed the break with Willard. "Willard told me," said Tom later, "now that he was at the head of his own show, the one he has just bought, he did not have any immediate need of a manager and that if I could not do anything further for him, I called his attention to the fact that I had done a great deal already and that I had secured offers for fights of \$75,000 in some instances and \$78,000 in another, offers which he had not decided upon favorably. It made no difference. Jess wanted to split."

Champion Sprinter Going to Trenches Jack Donohue, the world's professional sprinter and holder of the world's record of 1:50.4 for the 100 yards, has joined the Fourth Manchester Infantry, which is ready for the British war front in Belgium.

BIG LEAGUE OPEN AIR BOXING IS TO START AT SHIBE PARK JULY 3

WITH CHANEY AND DUNDEE MATCH Summer Ring Shows Will Be Held at Ball Park at Popular Prices—First Star Contest Made at 133-Pounds Ringside

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Box Friday night, Kid McParland was the star attraction of the club officials, but Dundee held out against him, and Jackson readily consented to Knie.

Bobby Gennis is holding \$200 forfeits each for the bouts with Chaney and Dundee for appearance and weight. Prices of admission will range from \$25 to \$1.

Jackie Clark is matched for a ten-rounder with Al McCoy, the middleweight champion, at McKean Beach, N. Y., July 4. The Brooklyn man will get a \$1 guarantee of \$1000.

Johnny Durko, middleweight of Allenstown, has collapsed in the ambulance corps unit of the army. Young Buck spurs with Buck Fleming and Joe Tuber. His best punch is in his left hand.

A new welterweight has cropped up in Allenstown, he is Joe Stifank, and he is said to be a terrific puncher. In six rounds Stefanik has knocked out five of his opponents.

Young Buck Fleming, of Gray's Ferry, is one of the leading amateur boxers in the United States. He recently won first prize at the district. Young Buck spurs with Buck Fleming and Joe Tuber. His best punch is in his left hand.

Darby Casper has a tough job for accomplish today at the Broadway Club when he pairs off with Paul Doyle, the New York welterweight. Casper has a good record and is in a return bout in the semi-finals of the tournament. He is a good puncher and is in the lead of the tournament.

Young Joe Borrell has been showing improvement every time he boxes. The Italian is a rugged battler and a good puncher, too. His manager, Benny Cross, wants to pair Borrell off with a boxer who always stays on that Young Joe can develop speed.

PHILS SHOVE GIANTS BACKWARD AND AGAIN TOP OLDER LEAGUE TEAMS IN SWATTING EFFICIENCY

Ahead in Home Runs and Total Bases, Cravath Leading Slugger—Whitted and McInnis Only .300 Clouters—Alex Big Card in Box

THE Phils have again pushed back the Giants in league batting, according to official figures including Wednesday's games, and once more lead the swattest in the older circuit by a very satisfactory margin of nine points. The figures are Phils, .266; Giants, .257. The teams were tied last week. In distance driving Alex Moran's faithful cohorts are league pace setters. They have made eighteen home runs and 178 extra bases, for a grand total of 621. This is some fence-busting.

But one .300 hitter is to be found at present in each local big-league aggregation. George Whitted, the classy Carolinian, represents Pat Moran in select clouting society, while Stuffy McInnis is Connie Mack's pick offering. George's handsomeness figure is .306, while Stuffy's is an even more comely one of .316.

Cobb and Cruise are leading hitting regulars in their respective leagues with marks of .368 and .350, in order. Two pitchers were nominal leaders last week and, strange to say, two are this week, and two different ones. Prendergast, of the Cubs, leads the Nationals with .422, and Hamilton, of the Browns, tops the Americans with .400.

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